

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the abstract of the disclosure and disclosure were objected to. Claims 3-5 and 13-15 were objected to. Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wilkens. Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) a being unpatentable over Kao. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) a being unpatentable over Kao and further in view of Schmidt. Claims 2, 7 and 9-12 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3-5 and 15 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the objection as set forth and rewritten in independent form.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Payer for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of March 2, 2005. At the interview, agreement was reached to amend claim 1 to patentably distinguish the invention over the prior art of record. Accordingly, claim 1 and the other remaining claims should be allowable.

In response to the informalities noted by the Examiner, claims 6 and 15 have been canceled and claims 1-5 and 7-14 have been amended with the subject matter of claim 1 being incorporated into claims 2, 3, 7 and 9, the subject matter of claim 6 being incorporated into claim 7 and the subject matter of claim 15 being incorporated into claim 13. Accordingly, in view of the indication of the allowability of claims 2, 7, 9-12, 3-5 and 15, it is

respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

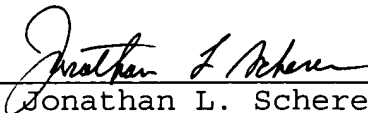
A copy of a "New Power of Attorney and Revocation of Previous Powers" as filed on February 15, 2005 is attached. Also, a substitute Declaration is submitted herewith. Priority is hereby claimed from provisional application Serial No.: 60/466,303, filed April 29, 2003.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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